



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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### Small Grain Harvest Nearly Complete

Maryland experienced another dry week as farmers worked an average of 5.9 days in the fields on activities such as progressing the small grain harvest closer to completion. The **winter wheat** crop, for example, is 94 percent harvested, which is 10 percent more than the previous week. **Rye** is also close to completion with 92 percent harvested, progressing 15 percent over the previous week.

The hot, dry conditions helped the row crops to progress ahead of schedule, however moisture is needed to alleviate heat stress to corn and soybeans in many areas. **Corn** is 60 percent silked and 24 percent doughed, which is 7 percent and 12 percent of the five year average respectively. **Soybeans** are currently 28 percent bloomed, progressing 4 percent ahead of schedule.

The arid conditions continue to diminish soil moisture levels from the previous week. As a result, the amount of topsoil moisture rated adequate this week decreased 23 percent from the previous week. **Topsoil moisture** is rated 6 percent very short, 41 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is 4 percent very short, 27 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Harvesting Progress:				
Rye	92	77	94	91
Winter Wheat	94	84	97	96
Cantaloupes	23	19	28	31
Cucumbers	50	47	51	44
Peaches	23	14	18	19
Potatoes	50	30	69	52
Snap Beans	50	27	35	39
Sweet Corn	31	29	31	30
Tomatoes	20	14	20	17
Watermelons	7	--	12	13
Crop Progress:				
Corn, silked	60	47	60	53
Corn, doughed	24	15	17	12
Sorghum, headed	20	--	23	14
Soybeans, bloomed	28	13	28	24
Tobacco, bloomed	31	20	57	36
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	79	60	61	62
Other hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	26	19	13	19
Alfalfa, 2nd cutting	93	85	83	87
Alfalfa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	40	25	25	21

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	1	5	26	53	15
Soybeans	2	6	30	54	8
Sorghum	0	2	15	75	8
Tobacco	0	0	45	50	5
Range & Pasture	2	11	38	36	13

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